Ozone Biomonitoring on the West Coast





Forest Health Monitoring Forest Inventory & Analysis

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Ozone injury on ponderosa pine

Evaluating red elderberry

Objective

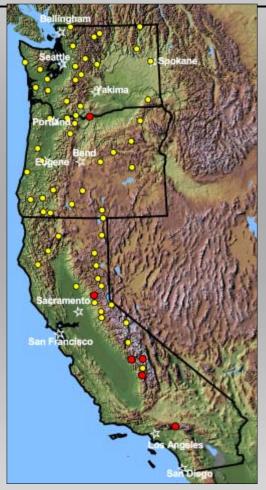
The FHM ozone biomonitoring program uses ozone sensitive plants to assess air quality and potential impacts to forested ecosystems

Methods

- ☐ Network of monitoring sites across the US
- ☐ Ozone sensitive species evaluated
- □ Annual measurements

West Coast Bioindicator Species

Ponderosa pine Jeffrey pine
Quaking aspen Scouler's willow
CA black oak Red alder
Ninebark Pacific ninebark
Red & blue elderberry
W. Wormwood Mugwort
Thinleaf huckleberry Snowberry



West Coast biomonitoring sites in 2000. Red circles indicate positive ozone injury

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2000 Results

- ☐ Ozone injury in 6 locations:
 - 5 in California
 - 1 in Washington
- ☐ Species injured:
 - Ponderosa pine
 - Jeffrey pine
 - Mugwort
 - Blue elderberry

2002

- New grid will be established,
 with 3 strata of sampling intensity
 based on ambient ozone levels
- ☐ Co-location of selected ambient and biomonitoring sites in CA





Artificially-induced ozone injury on blue elderberry (left) and red alder (right)